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A PLAY area could be removed forever following a spate of vandalism across the town, resulting in equipment being set alight for the fourth time in a month.

Banbury Town Council warned that the play area in Princess Diana Park, Bretch Hill, was becoming a 'lost cause' after the latest stint in which equipment was completely destroyed in the fire.

It comes just weeks after an investigation was launched into another spate of vandalism elsewhere in the area, with more than 50 tyres dumped in a field off the A422 Stratford Road.

Councillor Colin Clarke, chairman of the town's general services committee, said: "This sort of damage just isn't acceptable."

"We have more vandalism in Princess Diana Park than in all the other parks and play areas put together - and the past 12 months have been the worst on record."

"The time has come to decide if the play area is worth maintaining. This council cannot keep spending taxpayers' money on what could be described as a lost cause."

He added: "Local people need to look after the facilities provided. If not, they'll lose them."

The most recent incident saw equip-

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ment burned to ash on Thursday night and follows previous complaints of damage to a play tunnel, the digging up of a soft safety surface and fences pulled down.

The park was given a £150,000 facelift just six months ago but residents say something needs to be done to tackle the regular outbursts.

One local, who did not want to be named, said: "My house is near the park and things have never been as bad as they are now. Vandalism is a regular occurrence and we've had enough. Something needs to be done."

Earlier this month, an investigation was launched after dozens of discarded tyres were found dumped in a field.

The illegal flytipping was reported to Cherwell District Council after the 56 car tyres were left off the A422 Stratford Road between Wroxton and Balscote, near Banbury.

The tyres had been chucked over a wall into a ditch, nearby a layby containing glass bottle banks close to Ironstone Lane.

Cherwell District Council environmental enforcement manager Mark Harmon said: "Due to the amount of

tyres which were dumped at the scene we suspect this offence was committed by a motoring business or fraudsters posing as legitimate waste collectors."

"Aside from the environmental issue, it is likely that a trusting customer has paid what they believe to be a reputable company to undertake a task on their behalf and it's unacceptable that they unwittingly helped criminals profit from this crime."

It is believed it happened on or before Tuesday, April 11, when the pile was discovered by the council street cleaning team.

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New fire chief unveils vision of ‘blue light’ services revolution

Union says Government needs to invest more to fund responsibilities

FIRE stations could for the first time hire on-call staff who will not respond to fires, the Oxford Mail can reveal.

It is just one idea being considered by Oxfordshire's new chief fire officer, Simon Furlong, who said 'community safety advocates' could carry out social care home visits, help with NHS patient transport and promote safety campaigns.

He stressed the proposal was at a 'very early' stage but said it could be part of wider changes to broaden the role of the county's fire service.

Mr Furlong also revealed:

- Firefighters could recover bodies for the coroner and remove fallen trees from county roads

- Crews in all 24 of the county's fire stations will from next month be expected to respond to medical emergencies such as cardiac arrests alongside paramedics

- Work is being done with the police and ambulance services to see if all three emergency services need to attend incidents that could be dealt with by just one, including road crashes

In an interview with the Oxford Mail, Mr Furlong said one of his



Simon Furlong, chief fire officer at Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

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key aims over the next few years would be to ensure Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service was 'embedded in people's lives even more'. He said modern firefighters no longer just fought fires and ongoing pressure on public finances meant 'blue light' services needed to work together more than ever.

But the changes were described as a 'cause for concern' by the Fire Brigades Union, which said central government should provide more funding for the extra work.

Mr Furlong said: "We need to keep driving this forward because we have a duty to collaborate with the ambulance and police services.

"But we are also part of Oxfordshire County Council and so there are a lot of conversations happen-

ing across the organisation. I want firefighters thinking about what they can do to improve the lives of their community."

The fire service co-responded to more than 1,500 calls last year with South Central Ambulance Service, he added. He said: "Co-responding is a fifth of our calls now and we have just signed a contract for all of our stations to be part of that - we are really saving lives. All our

engines have defibrillators and we have the infrastructure across the county to help."

In addition to a growing role promoting community safety and healthy living, part of its 365Alive campaign, Mr Furlong said the service could also recruit on-call staff who would not fight fires.

He is also leading a piece of work to see if all three emergency services need to each respond to every incident together.

Referring to road traffic collisions, he said: "Do we all need to be there and do all of that? It could be a minor crash and maybe the police are happy for us to investigate, because we have investigative skills."

Last night Fire Brigades Union Oxfordshire spokesman Mark Ames said the organisation supported 'new ways of working' for firefighters but raised concerns about funding. He said: "We are working nationally and locally on this and are fully committed to working with the service. But they need to fund these new responsibilities properly, because they are currently trying to do it all on a shoestring."

"The Government needs to invest more in fire and rescue services. We will be writing to the Oxfordshire service to say we do not think any more responsibilities should be added without proper negotiations, because it is a cause for concern."

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Fond memories come flooding back for care home resident who once worked at a donkey sanctuary



Family, friends and two donkeys joined Constance Sterling for her 102nd birthday party at the care home where she lives

Two donkeys help toast Nancy's 102nd birthday

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TWO donkeys tried their best to upstage the birthday girl Constance 'Nancy' Sterling at a care home in Banbury.

But the VIP of the day was the 102-year-old who had a party thrown by staff at Featherton House, in Chapel Square, to mark the special milestone.

Family and friends joined Mrs Sterling for the big day last Thursday, along with two four-legged friends much to the delight of the care home residents.

Mrs Sterling, who was born in Lincolnshire in 1915, used to work in a donkey sanctuary and the care home hoped

it would bring back a host of memories.

When asked what the secret to a long and happy life is, she said: "Just keep going."

Featherton House home manager Holly Rose added: "Nancy is a wonderful resident and we were delighted to celebrate her special day in style."

"She is a very popular resident with staff and her fellow residents and it was great to welcome the donkeys to the home, which brought back some nice memories for her, as well as entertained everyone in attendance."

"We are looking forward to hosting further community events and celebrations at Featherton House, and would like to wish Nancy all the very best on

her 102nd birthday."

The 23 residents at the Wren Retirement Living care home all enjoyed the donkeys visit and were able to pet the pair as they had a walk through the home. Party guests enjoyed a celebratory drink and a host of cakes to mark the day, plus the home had decked out the place in balloons and bunting.

Mrs Sterling has two daughters with husband Bob Sterling, who passed away age 94 in 2002. She is now a grandmother of four and great grandmother of seven.

She worked as a homemaker during the Second World War before becoming a magistrate and District Commissioner of the Pony Club.

Council on course for £5.2m deficit

OVERSPENDS in children's social care services have left a £5.2m black hole in Oxfordshire County Council's books, a report warns.

Figures provided to senior councillors show the children, education and families directorate is forecast to have overspent by £7.2m in the 2016/17 financial year.

The next biggest overspend of any other department was £300,000, in corporate services, which was due to IT projects.

An underspend of £2.2m was reported by environment and economy, the department responsible for roads.

It comes after previous warnings last year and in February that the council was on course to overspend by millions. Since February the figure has been reduced from £5.6m to £5.2m, the report said, through a recruitment freeze.

But it added: "It is anticipated the use of general balances will be required to bring the budget back into balance."

Overspends in children's services included £1.6m on school transport for pupils with special education needs and £3.9m in social care services.

The county council said this was after social care was provided with £1m from its department reserves and another £1m from the authority's corporate contingency fund.

Hundreds of jobs at store giant at risk

HUNDREDS of jobs could be at risk after Debenhams announced plans to review the future of up to 10 stores and close 11 warehouses.

The department store chain's new boss, Sergio Bucher, unveiled plans which will affect at least 220 jobs. It has not announced which stores are under review, but shops in Oxfordshire include those in Magdalen Street, Oxford; Marriotts Walk, Witney; and in the Castle Quay shopping centre, Banbury.

The plans came as the group announced a 6.4 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £87.8m for the six months to March 4.

Many first-choice primary school places secured

MORE than 93 per cent of children across the county got into their first-choice primary school yesterday – an increase on last year.

Fewer children than ever before failed to get any of their preferred schools as application dropped.

Oxfordshire County Council revealed that 93.68 per cent of children received an offer from their first-choice primary school – up from 91.51 per cent in 2016 and 88.04 in 2015.

With fewer applications this year and an increased percentage of first-choice offers, just 78 children have not received offers from any of their preferred schools.

Last year 148 were left without any of their choices compared to 320 in 2015.

The council's schools organisation and planning manager, Roy Leach, said: "Through our school place planning work we are continuing to ensure that local school places are available for every Oxfordshire child who needs one."

"Oxfordshire has a strong record in this area and we are continuing to work in close partnership with all schools, including academies, to plan for changing demand and to ensure that families can continue to access good schools for their children."

For those who did not receive good news there is an appeal process for

parents or they can remain on 'continued interest' lists for their preferred school in the event that spaces become available between now and September.

The council also said that a prolonged focus on creating new primary school places had meant that it was on course to have created an extra 3,000 places between 2015 and 2018.

Mr Leach said: "We're delighted to be able to offer the vast majority of families their first choice schools and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all Oxfordshire children preparing to start school for the first time, the very best of luck."

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Mourner killed in lorry smash

A MAN who died after being struck by a lorry attended his father's funeral earlier that day, an inquest heard.

Daniel Wallace, 34, from Carterton is believed to have died instantly after being knocked down by the HGV on the A423 at Mollington, near Banbury, just before midnight on November 21 last year.

Just hours earlier, Mr Wallace had been in a pub with family celebrating the life of his father, who had died a few weeks before.

An inquest into the death was held at Oxford Coroner's Court yesterday, conducted by Oxfordshire coroner Darren Salter.

After attending his dad's wake in The Merrie Lion, in Ferry Compton, Mr Wallace was driven to the village of Farnborough, where he was due to spend the night at a friend's house.

But Mr Wallace, who was intoxicated, never made it to the home of his friend, and was inexplicably a mile-and-a-half away on an unlit road with no pavement when he was struck and killed by the lorry.

Driver for UK Mail David Little did not see Mr Wallace, who was wearing a dark suit, until the last moment, and hit him despite trying to swerve.

Mr Little stopped the vehicle and spent 10 minutes searching for what he had hit, eventually finding Mr Wallace lying in some undergrowth by the side of the road. He called an ambulance and performed CPR on Mr Wallace, who was officially declared dead some time after midnight on the Sunday. Mr Little said: "I tried so hard to bring him back. I wasn't going to give up."

A verdict of death by road traffic collision was recorded.



Jessica Simmons was horrified when she found ants in her Cadbury Creme Egg. Despite that, the youngster still wrote a thank-you letter to the Easter Bunny

Scream egg! Girl, 7, finds dead ants inside chocolate treat

A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD found more than she bargained for in an Easter egg hunt when she bit into a creme egg containing ants.

Jessica Simmons, of Grimsbury in Banbury, was upset to find the dead insects inside the Cadbury Creme Egg on Thursday.

But despite being put off the chocolate treat, the youngster has penned a letter to the Easter bunny to give thanks for receiving the present.

She wrote: "Dear Easter Bunny, for Easter you gave me some eggs. One of these was a creme egg, today I went to eat my egg and it was full of ants.

"I thought I was going to be sick, I never want to eat another creme egg."

She added: "But I would like to say thank you for mine, Katie's, my mum's and my dad's eggs.

"My mum has made a complaint to Cadbury's and Tesco so don't worry.

"P.S. I love you."

Jessica and four-year-old sister Katie were opening the Easter eggs, bought from Tesco Extra in Middleton Road, Banbury, on Thursday when Jessica came across the uninvited addition to her chocolate.

Mum Liz Turner said: "We keep the girl's Easter eggs in a box so Thursday I gave Jessica the creme egg and left her in the living room.

"Next thing I heard her scream 'mum I have ants in my egg' and she was obviously very upset.

"She said to me 'why would the Easter bunny put ants in my egg?'"

Ms Turner has since had to explain that the Easter bunny got the eggs from Tesco and the ants wouldn't have been put in there.

So Jessica wrote to the Easter bunny to let him know not to worry the mystery is being dealt with.

Ms Turner added: "I have contacted Tesco and was given a 50p refund and have sent the egg off for testing and Cadbury was lovely when I spoke to them. The lady was horrified and took it very seriously and said they will be writing personally to Jessica. I have also spoken with Trading Standards."

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Special school in north of county given green light

Only two schools approved suggests lack of desire for education policy

A NEW special school for the north of the county and an academy for both primary and secondary pupils in Grove have been given the go-ahead by the Government.

North Ifley Academy and Grove CE Academy were approved yesterday in the latest wave of free school applications.

But it has been claimed the fact only two schools were approved in Oxfordshire among 131 across England shows a lack of desire for the Government's key education policy.

North Ifley Academy will be an offshoot of The Ifley Academy in Ifley Turn, Oxford and will cater for children with special educational needs (SEN).

The Ifley Academy headteacher Kay Willett said: "At present, many pupils who attend The Ifley Academy have to travel from Banbury and Bicester to attend our school in central Oxford.

"By opening a school in North Oxfordshire, we can educate these pupils in their local communities. Housing development and the population in Banbury and Bicester is increasing, which is putting further pressure on special school places."

The 'all-through' school for primary and secondary pupils in Grove will be run by Vale Academy Trust (VAT), which has seven schools including King Alfred's Academy in Wantage.

VAT chief executive Simon Sproule said: "We are delighted with this news and look forward to working with the whole community of Grove, its families and other key stakeholder groups over the coming years.

"Whilst we are aware that there is still much to do before the new academy can be built and then opens, we are very excited that there is, finally, a plan to bring a new academy to Grove".

No firm opening date or location has been set for either of the schools.

Professor John Howson, who represents the Liberal Democrats on Oxfordshire County Council's education scrutiny committee, said the new schools approved fulfilled a basic need rather than David Cameron's free school vision.

When Mr Cameron was Prime Minister he introduced the free school policy in a drive to allow groups such as parents, charities, churches and businesses to run their own schools.

Prof Howson said: "I do not think there is much appetite in most of the country for what Mr Cameron thought of as free schools. If you are a parent of an SEN child in North Oxfordshire you will be pleased by this. But if you are a parent in the south of the county you will be disappointed.

"If the county council still provided schools I am fairly sure it would approve a special school there."

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Thousands register for General Election

All potential voters must have registered by May 22 deadline to cast a vote on June 8

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A SURGE in people signing up to vote across Oxfordshire has seen thousands register for June's 'vital' snap General Election.

New figures show Theresa May's announcement on Tuesday has sparked huge interest from Oxfordshire voters, with more than 5,300 people across the county rushing to sign up in the past week alone for the vote on June 8.

Martin John, elections chief at Oxford City Council, urged people to sign up before the May 22 deadline to make their voices heard.

He told the Oxford Mail: "Everyone has their view on how the country should be run and if the residents of Oxford want their voice to be heard in this General Election, they need to register to vote."

"Democracy is vital to our society and the decisions made by the electorate will shape the future of Oxford and the UK."

"Registration is very simple but it is important that your name is on the electoral roll before the deadline in order to vote on June 8."

"I would encourage everyone to make sure they are registered in time so that they do not miss their opportunity."



**Oxford City Council elections chief
Martin John**

The Prime Minister is seeking a Conservative majority in Parliament to give her a stronger hand as Britain exits the European Union (EU), while opposition parties say it is a chance to highlight the Government's handling of schools funding and the NHS.

In Oxford, where 70 per cent of voters backed Remain in the EU Referendum last June, more than 1,400 people signed up on the day of Mrs May's speech, figures provided by the city council show. A further 850 followed in

the days afterwards. Meanwhile, hundreds more signed up in neighbouring areas – according to their councils – bringing the total of people eligible to vote across the county in June to more than 480,000.

According to the Office for National Statistics, this represents about 70 per cent of Oxfordshire's estimated population of 677,800.

City councillor for St Clement's Tom Hayes has taken a leading role in encouraging residents across the county to register to vote in May's county elections, and urged young people to ensure their voices are also heard for June's General Election.

He went on to say it was vital to also ensure the country gets the 'best possible' Brexit deal, adding: "It's important that everybody has their voice heard. There's never been quite such an important election as this one."

"Please go online to check whether you're registered to vote. If you're not, and you want to have a say over the decisions affecting your future, register now. Governments have the power to change things and they listen to people who vote."

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It is now too late to register for local elections taking place on May 4, but anyone who wants to vote in the Parliamentary elections still has 28 days left.



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More firms struggling, says survey

BREXIT and rising inflation have been blamed for a rise in the number of firms across Oxford in financial distress during the first three months of this year.

Business recovery firm Begbies Traynor's Red Flag Alert research showed 776 businesses in Oxford reported 'significant' financial distress during the period.

Compared to 716 in the final three months of last year, it represents a rise of eight per cent.

Julie Palmer, regional managing partner at Begbies Traynor in Oxford, warned firms would pass it on in as price rises.

She said: "Given the scale of the increases in distress during the first quarter of this year, it would appear that food suppliers, logistics firms and wholesalers are yet to fully pass on rising costs to their customers."

"It is only a matter of time before we start to see this coming through, especially given added margin pressures associated with the new National Living Wage."

She added: "Once those costs ultimately feed through to consumers, we'd expect further pressure on sectors exposed to discretionary spending such as retail, bars and restaurants, travel and leisure."

Begbies Traynor executive chairman Ric Traynor said more firms were in trouble due to the falling pound and worries about Brexit, particularly when it comes to migrant workers.



Victoria Prentis Westminster Views

MP FOR NORTH OXFORDSHIRE



Celebrating the start of a new season

TOWARDS the end of March, we picked up our four new lambs from a flock in Duns Tew. Their arrival always signals the start of spring for the Prentis household. In their first few weeks they are bottle fed three times a day. It is quite an undertaking for my family, but they always draw in a crowd of helpers from the village. On Easter Sunday they even made a guest appearance at our church service. This year, Keith, Gerald, Pierre and Alfred are settling in well. Though we have reared livestock for the pot before, these lambs have a future eating the grass in our cider orchard. We are also getting ready to take our first swarm of bees, which are so crucial to pollination.

It seems like only yesterday that we were collecting last year's lambs; when we were campaigning for the EU referendum. Of course, a lot has changed since then. The country has voted to leave the European Union, we have a new prime minister and will now have a General Election in June. While it came as a surprise to us all, I do think Theresa May's decision

to hold an election is both brave and right. Any election brings a period of uncertainty as the campaigning gets under way. I'm sure you are all fed up of elections dominating the news. However, it is critical that after the election the prime minister can show she has strong Parliamentary backing as she starts negotiations with our European friends.

For me, personally, it means I will need to be re-adopted as the Conservative candidate. All being well, I will then spend the next five weeks out and about in our area, while simultaneously helping local council candidates as they seek their own election. My Westminster staff are not allowed onto the Parliamentary estate during what is known as the dissolution period so have to work from home; my constituency staff can only deal with urgent casework enquiries. It will be an interesting few weeks for those of us who enjoy political debate.

It is critical that after the election the prime minister can show she has a strong Parliamentary backing



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Green warriors wanted to help hunt for pollution in WaterBlitz

Volunteer nature lovers invited to dive into next citizen science survey

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HIDDEN pollution in streams, ponds and rivers is being revealed by have-a-go heroes.

Dangerous nitrates and phosphates in freshwater across Oxfordshire are being uncovered each year by volunteers in the Thames WaterBlitz.

Now organisers have called on nature lovers to dive into the next citizen science survey on Tuesday, May 2.

Project co-ordinator Luis Velasquez, of Oxford's Earthwatch Institute, said: "The past three events have been hugely successful thanks to efforts of local school groups and general public who carried out simple tests of water around their home or office, but we need more help.

"Each WaterBlitz provides information from areas that would otherwise not be monitored and shows seasonal impacts of climate and land use change are important."

Anyone in Oxfordshire can order a free water testing kit online.



WaterBlitz programme manager for Wild Oxfordshire Hilary Phillips tested this pond near Little Wittenham with Wittenham Manor estate manager Sam Haynes, left, and Luis Velasquez from EarthWatch

The actual process of taking a sample takes seconds, and data from any pond, river or stream in the county can be invaluable.

Since it launched in autumn 2015, Thames Waterblitz volunteers have collected a total of 1,208 samples

and last year more than 200 people in Oxfordshire helped out. The results have revealed nitrates and phosphates in the county's biggest rivers including the Thames, the Ock, the Glyme and the Evenlode.

These chemicals, which get into

the river system from fertilisers on farmers' fields, act as super fuel for algae, essentially pond weed, in the water, which causes algae to explode in what is known as an algal bloom. This mega-algae leaches all the oxygen from the water, suffocat-

ing other plants, fish and insects there and downstream.

Higher levels of nitrates can also be harmful to humans (the World Health Organisation guide limit is 50mg of NO3 per litre), and water companies have to ensure water is safe to drink.

By identifying areas where nutrient discharges are more likely, Mr Velasquez said the WaterBlitz was helping regulatory bodies like the Environment Agency, research institutes and river trusts to improve waterways and reduce the risk of harmful pollution.

The Thames WaterBlitz is part of Earthwatch's FreshWater Watch project, a global study of the health of freshwater ecosystems. Mr Velasquez said: "It is a novel and groundbreaking project.

"Through the participation of hundreds of volunteers in Oxfordshire and the rest of the Thames river basin, nutrient pollution hot-spots (nitrate and phosphate) and clean water sites have been identified. These results are helping Oxford communities and national stakeholders to better understand the freshwater environment around us."

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Galaxy is jolly well guarded

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

VOL. 2 (12A) Sci-Fi/Action/Adventure/Comedy/Romance. *Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista, Michael Rooker, Karen Gillan, Kurt Russell, Pom Klementieff, Elizabeth Debicki and the voices of Bradley Cooper, Vin Diesel.* Director: James Gunn. Prodigal sons with tortured family histories repeatedly emerge from the panels of comic books with superhero destinies. Kal-El is driven to protect Metropolis by the loss of his home planet Krypton, the murders of Thomas and Martha Wayne on the streets of Gotham compel master Bruce to don the cowl of rough justice, orphan Peter Parker web-slugs with a vengeance after his Uncle Ben is slain, and Tony Stark inherits the means to fashion Iron Man's armoury when his parents perish in a car accident. In *Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol 2*, wisecracking thief-for-hire Peter Quill (Chris Pratt) learns the truth about his twisted lineage to a 1970s-heavy soundtrack including *Father And Son* by Cat Stevens. Bigger by eight minutes and marginally better than its supremely entertaining predecessor, writer-director James Gunn's rollicking sequel blends a lip-smacking cocktail of irreverent humour, heart-tugging sentiment and spectacular action. Pop culture nods to *Cheers* and *Pac-Man* jive next to running gags about male pride and human frailty, plus quips at the expense of raccoon Rocket (voiced by Bradley Cooper), who is dismissed as a "triangle-faced monkey". In the first film, Peter Quill (Pratt) escaped the clutches of space pirate Yondu (Michael Rooker) to galvanise a motley crew of mercenaries comprising green-skinned assassin Gamora (Zoe Saldana), vengeance-seeking warrior Drax (Dave Bautista), genetically engineered raccoon Rocket (Cooper) and cute tree-like sidekick Groot (Vin Diesel). For the sequel's tongue-in-cheek opening, choreographed to ELO's anthem *Mr Blue Sky*, the Guardians face a razor-toothed beast that intends to steal the Anulax Bat-

teries belonging to high priestess Ayesha (Elizabeth Debicki). As a reward for laser-blasting bravery, the heroes take a prisoner – Gamora's sister, Nebula (Karen Gillan), who suffered at the hands of their tyrannical father, Thanos. Soon after, The Guardians encounter an omnipotent being, Ego (Kurt Russell), who claims to be Peter's missing father. "If he ends up being evil, we'll just kill him," Gamora tenderly assures her sceptical companion. *Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol 2* confidently spices a familiar brew with sinewy subplots and an expanded role for Gamora's much-abused sibling, plus the introduction of Ego's underling, Mantis (Pom Klementieff). Pratt and Saldana turn up their heat on the "unspoken thing" between their comrades, while Bautista's hilariously literal hulk offers Peter the benefit of his romantic wisdom: "You just need to find a woman, who is pathetic like you." Computer-generated double-act Rocket and Baby Groot scene-steal with aplomb, enriched with Cooper and Diesel's vocal performances. Not everything is golden: an emotional crescendo cheekily borrows from a recent Disney animation and *Star Trek*, and the dizzying final showdown has been cast, disappointingly, in the same special effects-heavy mould as *The Avengers* and *Captain America*. Gunn embraces the Marvel Comics fashion for teasing future instalments like an excitable, tongue-lolling puppy with a new rubber chew. The sequel's end credits are peppered with cute surprises, including leading cast shaking their things and five additional scenes. These are predominantly throwaway comic wheezes, except for a third bite-size morsel, which explicitly heralds the birth of an iconic character to fling magical mayhem when *The Guardians Of The Galaxy* return a few years hence. **RATING: 8/10**

THE PROMISE (12A) Drama/Romance/War. *Oscar Isaac, Charlotte*

Le Bon, Christian Bale, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Angela Sarafyan, Rade Serbedzija, Marwan Kenzari. Director: Terry George.

The extermination of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians at the hands of the Ottoman Empire, which Turkey has repeatedly refused to acknowledge as genocide, provides a turbulent backdrop to Terry George's earnest period romance. Opening in 1914 Anatolia, *The Promise* contrives a love triangle between two Armenians and an American as the prism through which to refract sickening images of barbarism in the First World War. Writer-director George, Oscar nominated for his 2004 picture *Hotel Rwanda*, conjures shocking tableaux like a river bed cluttered with dozens of lifeless men, women and children, their blood seeping into the fast-moving waters. "Our revenge will be to survive," the stoic heroine tells her lover in response to the senseless loss. The scope of George's vision, with its panoramic vistas, expertly choreographed riots and battle scenes on perilous mountain terrain, recalls sweeping 1960s epics such as *Doctor Zhivago*, which captured the cost of war through the eyes of lovers caught in the crossfire. *The Promise* doesn't have the emotional depth of David Lean's masterpiece, and the 133-minute running time feels padded, but there are moments of heart-wrenching beauty concealed within the pedestrian narrative. *The Promise* is a sluggish rifle through pages of disputed recent history, which aligns itself with the Armenians as they search for an escape from war. Isaac and Le Bon catalyse simmering screen chemistry, while Bale embodies a western observer with a conscience, who defends his actions: "Without reporters, the Armenian people would disappear, and no one would know." Through the lens of George's picture, one harrowing version of events comes into focus, very slowly. **RATING: 6/10**



Drax (Dave Bautista) and Mantis (Pom Klementieff) in *Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol.2*

Cake Bookworm

The Owl Always Hunts At Night by Samuel Bjork is published in hardback by Doubleday, priced £12.99 (ebook £5.99). There's something about Scandinavian crime fiction that sets it apart from the norm and the second novel in Norwegian author Samuel Bjork's Munch and Kruger series exemplifies everything that is great about the genre. Veteran detective Holger Munch is reunited with the singularly perceptive, but haunted investigator Mia Kruger for a disturbing case in which a teenage girl has been found dead in an elaborately posed crime scene. Munch needs Kruger at the top of her game to solve this case, but Mia has her own demons to contend with and nothing seems to quite add up. Told in short, compelling chapters that alternate between several perspectives, Bjork creates a unique, twisting, unsettling thriller that really epitomises the phrase 'page-turner'.

And at the heart of it are two police officers whose own emotional battles are as enticing as the crime they are investigating. Read as a standalone novel or as part of the series, the book works equally well. In fact, there is very little to fault in this Nordic crime thriller par excellence. **9/10**

The Cows by Dawn O'Porter is published in hardback by HarperCollins, priced £14.99 (ebook £5.99). Whilst feminism is widely celebrated, in the age of social media, there is still overwhelming pressure on women to be perfect. So the first novel for adults from columnist and documentary-maker Dawn O'Porter is definitely much needed. *The Cows* is about three women; Tara, Stella and Cam. Through chance and the power of the internet, their stories meet and intertwine. Stella has lost both her mother and

twin sister to cancer and has been told she may be unable to have children. Cam is a lifestyle blogger who promotes independence and childlessness, while Tara is a mother who becomes an online viral sensation when she is filmed masturbating on a train when she thought she was alone. Each of the women wrestle with their own desires whilst shouldering the weight of expectations placed on them by their families, society and themselves. Tara's storyline undoubtedly steals the spotlight – the way in which her sexuality is exploited and examined by the media is excruciating and sadly all too believable. It is a true testament to O'Porter's writing prowess that she is able to tackle these controversial subjects and turn them into symbols of empowerment. You'll only wish there was more of it to devour. A truly funny, important and fearless novel. Don't follow the herd. **9/10**

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Parents urged to take fight for school funding to the ballot box

Money for education is key concern as formula delayed by the election

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PARENTS worried about school funding have been urged to turn it into a major issue at the General Election.

Schools will be left in the dark over proposed changes to the amount of money they will be given by the government until after the General Election on June 8.

The Department for Education had been due to publish its response to a consultation on a new "national funding formula", which had been heavily criticised by parents and teachers, before the election.

But that has now been delayed, putting plans for the formula to come into effect in 2018 into doubt and leaving schools with the current funding system, under which Oxfordshire is one of the worst-funded areas in England.

Mum-of-one Helen Brockett, from the campaign group Fair Funding for All Schools Oxfordshire, said: "The delay is very disconcerting. As a pressure group we are going to keep working and hold candidates



The Oxford Academy head teacher Niall McWilliams

to account and find out what their views are on education funding.

"It gives parents the chance to quiz candidates on their views."

Mrs Brockett, whose son Adam attends Carswell Community Pri-

mary School in Abingdon, said: "As a parent it is very upsetting because schools are struggling at the moment, never mind having to wait to find out what the situation will be with funding."

The new funding formula had been proposed by the government in order to end the current system where schools in some areas – like Oxfordshire – get thousands less per pupil than in other areas.

It was meant to be introduced by September 2018 but that is now in doubt due to the delayed response.

Critics of the proposals said that while the county would get more money overall some schools would lose out as cash was redistributed.

Unions warned that the money does not keep up with rising financial pressures and that overall Oxfordshire schools will be £26m worse off by 2019.

The Oxford Academy head teacher Niall McWilliams said: "There is absolutely no doubt that schools are underfunded. Along with the health service, social services and the police, education needs to be the cornerstone of the election.

"People need to stand up for this and they need to push their parliamentary candidates, whether Labour or Conservative or Lib Dem.

"If people do not vote appropriately they are voting to hinder the life chances of their own children."

Senior Lib Dem county councillor and education expert Professor John Howson, who will be campaigning for the party's candidates in the General Election, said he believed education would be a big issue. He said: "In the next week virtually every voter will know how they will vote on Europe."

"The rest of the election will be on issues like education in a way that it was not in 2010 or 2015."

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THURSDAY

Banbury Social Dancing Club
Monthly Dance: General Foods Sports & Social Club, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury. 8pm. £5 members, £6 guests. 01295 258426.

Fun Science with Charlie McDonnell: The Sheldonian, Broad Street, Oxford. Suitable for over 10s. 7pm. £10/£6 concessions. 01865 810000.

Needle Felting: Millets Farm, Kingston Road, Frilford. £45 including all tools and materials, lunch, tea and coffee. 10am. 07974 081526.

FRIDAY

Ducklington Crafty Cake Club: Ducklington Village Hall, Standlake Road, Ducklington. Christine Avey will create miniature football boots as a cake topper. 2pm. Visitors £5. 01869 751500.

Games Evening: The Pine Lodge, Thame Road, Little Milton. Play board and card games. 7pm. £5, Family £15.

Ramblers walk: Green near Seven Stars PH, Marsh Baldon. Easy 6½-mile walk via Nuneham Park. 10am. 01865 890829.

SATURDAY

Ale, Cider & Music Festival: Carterton Social Centre Club, Brownes Hall, Brownes Lane, Alvescott Road, Carterton. With live music. 12pm. Free. 01993 846788.

Antique & Collectors Market: Kidlington Methodist Church, Oxford Road, Kidlington. 10am. Free Admission. 01865 371494.

Blue Electric Kids and Teddy Bear Free Rides: Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway, Station Approach, Station Road, Chinnor. Ride on Linda the Lymington Flyer to and from Thame Junction using power provided by the Class 08 locomotive No.08825. Children with a Teddy Bear travel free with any accompanied by a fare-paying adult. Also Sunday. From 10am. £11, senior £10, child £6. 07979 055366.

Boost! Drama Workshops: High Street, Dorchester on Thames. Drama games, role playing and improvisation. Part of Dorchester Festival. See [dorchestherfestival.com](#) 11am. £4.50.

Equestrian Table Top Sale: Grove Farm Equestrian, Nr Milton, Didcot. £10 per pitch. Free entry for buyers. 12-2pm.

Family Dog Show: Dorchester Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames. See [dorchestherfestival.com](#) for more information and to book tickets. 10am. Free for spectators. £3 entry per class.

Hurst Water Meadow Wildlife Walk: Orchard Haven, Dorchester on Thames. Guided by professional wildlife expert Dominic Woodfield. See [dorchestherfestival.com](#) for the full programme. 5pm. £6.

Lego Masterbuilders: Queen Street, Dorchester on Thames. There are three sessions throughout the day at 10.20am, 12.45pm, 3pm. £10.

Shakespeare Unwrapped Workshop: High Street, Dorchester on Thames. To give children a fun, positive and engaging introduction to the work of The Bard. See [dorchestherfestival.com](#) for the full programme. 2.30pm. £6.

Visit Hatfield House, Garden and Park: Hatfield House, Hatfield, Herefordshire. Coach trip organised by the Ardley and Fewcott Gardening Club which is open to all. Hatfield House is a Jacobean house with many fine examples of artwork. The West garden is beautiful as is the park. Pick up points begin in Fritwell village at 9am before travelling to Bicester. Return starts at 4pm. £26. 01869 369422.

Walk (Fieldpaths): Car Park behind Tesco, Kidlington. SP492142 10 miles. A

walk to Bletchingdon and Kirtlington via some ancient routes and the canal. Bring refreshments and pub stop en route. Dogs on leads. 10am. 01865 514082.

SUNDAY

Basket Weaving: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Learn how to weave a basket out of willow, in a session led by Catherine Tregaskes from Crafts for a Sustainable Future. 9.30am. £45. 01865 407792.

Blackthorn Car Boot Sale: Blackthorn Car Boot, B4011, Bicester to Thame Road, Bicester. 10am. Buyers free, sellers £5 any size vehicle. 07786 607097.

Duck Race: Dorchester Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames. Prizes for the first three ducks home. 5pm. Free for spectators. £4.50 per duck.

Games Cafe @ The Festival Arms: Dorchester Abbey Festival Tent, High Street, Dorchester on Thames. For more information go to [www.dorchestherfestival.com](#). 7.30pm. Free entry/£5 for the pub games challenge.

Historic Houses from Gardens Tour: Dorchester Abbey Porch, High Street, Dorchester on Thames. Architectural historian Malcolm Ains will lead a walk through the village. See [www.dorchestherfestival.com](#) 2pm. Tickets £8 (including tea).

National Garden Scheme: Broughton Grange, Wykham Lane, Broughton. An impressive 25 acres of gardens and light woodland. The centrepiece is a large terraced walled garden created by Tom Stuart-Smith in 2001. Plant sale. 10am. £7; children free.

National Garden Scheme: Various locations, Adderbury. Attractive ironstone village with gardens ranging from quite small to very large. Dogs allowed only at The Old Vicarage. Wheelchair access. Home-made teas at Church House/ Library. 2pm. Combined adult £5; children free.

Tentertainment! with Nick Cope: Dorchester Abbey Festival Tent, High Street, Dorchester on Thames. Lunch, tea and cakes while children are entertained for the afternoon. 12.30pm Pirates and Princesses Tea Party. 1pm Juggling John. A children's magic show. 3pm Nick Cope. Singer popular with small children and their families. 4.15 Stagecoach Abingdon. Stagecoach Theatre Arts students will entertain with their musical theatre song and dance routines. 12.30pm. Tickets £4.50 (adults free).

Vintage Pedal Cars: Dorchester Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames. Drive around the Abbey on metal pedal and ride-on cars. 1pm. £4.

MONDAY

Chalgrove Village May Day Festival: Recreation Ground, Off High Street, Chalgrove. This year's theme will be Village Life. Including the Chalgrove 10k. 11am. Free.

Cogges Craft Market & Country Show: Cogges Manor Farm, Church Lane, Witney. 10am. £1 craft market only, £6.50 farm entry. 01993 772602.

Dorchester Festival Charity Fun Run: Dorchester Abbey Festival Tent, High Street, Dorchester on Thames. Take part in the 5k Fun Run (or walk). Raise money for Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice. Last entry on the day 10.30am. 11am. Advance tickets £5 adult, £3 child, £10 family.

May Day Fair & Car Boot Sale: Carterton Recreation Ground, Alvescot Road, Carterton. 11am. Free.

National Garden Scheme: Sparsholt Manor, Wantage. Lakes and wildflower; ancient boxwood, wilderness with walkways and summer borders. Limited wheelchair access. Dogs on leads. Home-made teas in village hall. 2pm. £4; children free.

Science Mad! afternoon with

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Science Oxford: Dorchester Abbey Festival Tent, High Street, Dorchester on Thames. 1pm. Free.

Walk (Fieldpaths): Rock of Gibraltar pub, Enslow. SP482182 4 miles. Passing the Satellite Earth Station, Old Whitehill Farm and deserted mediaeval village to Flight's Mill. From Pigeon's Lock returning along the canal towpath. Bring refreshments for en route break. Assistance dogs only. 10.30am. 07957 319262.

TUESDAY

Pilates Classes (one chair-based): Drayton Village Hall, Lockway, Drayton. 9.30am. 07702 727971.

Tea Dance: Woodstock Social Club, 44 Oxford Street, Woodstock. 2pm. £2. 01993 811473.

WEDNESDAY

Teddy Bears' Picnic Under Fives Event: Oxford Botanic Garden, Rose Lane, Oxford. Gardening, craft, stories and sensory play. Suitable for the under fives. 10.30am. The event is free with an entrance ticket. 01865 286694.

Music

THURSDAY

Methodist Church, High Street, Witney: Lunchtime Recital – The Dragon's Instrument. Liz Cowdrey, violin, Alun Derbyshire, oboe, Annabel Molyneaux, mezzo-soprano, Peter Cowdrey, piano. Free. 12.30pm. 01993 702296.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: Ran Kan Kan Cubanista big band and Sol Samba Brazilian dance and drum. Cowley Road Carnival party. 7-11pm. £10/£9 concessions. While She Sleeps, In Hearts Wake, Fizzy Blood. Metal/punk. 7pm. £15.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: 12. Gauge, Ocean Ruins, InAir, Mark Cope. Hard and alt-rock. 7.30pm. £7.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Jaws, Kagoule, Be Good. Indie pop trio. 7pm. £11.

The Cock Inn, Combe: Nick Gill. Classic jazz and ragtime piano/vocals. 8-11pm. Free.

FRIDAY

Angel, Market Square, Witney: Joe Hollic. Ska, pop and indie. Free. 9pm. 01993 703238.

Carterton Social Centre, Brownes Lane, Carterton: Country & Western Dance with The Westons. £6. 8.30pm. 01993 850682.

Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot: Kadia. With support from the White Horse Whisperers. Mix of traditional folk music, Irish session tunes, original material and some contemporary covers. Pay what you think it's worth. 7.30pm. 01235 515144.

Jacqueline du Pré Music Building, St Hilda's College, Oxford: ANIMA: Music with Animation. A concert of film music alongside projections of abstract animated films in a collaboration between St Anne's and St Hilda's composers and video artists from the Ruskin School of Art. Gallery £13, Stalls £10, Students £10/£5. 7.30pm. 01865 286660.

Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford: Rachel Podger and Kristian Bezuidenhout. Baroque violinist and

Fortepiano player. £10-42. 7.30pm.

The Northcourt, Northcourt Road, Abingdon: Bravado. Tribute to Rush. £10 advance & £12 door. 7.30pm. 01235 203203.

The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street, Oxford: Echoic, Bright Works, Tom Lowman, 31 Hours. Alt-rock four-piece from Reading. 7.30pm. £3.

The Talkhouse, Wheatley Road, Stanton St John: Jazz with saxophonist Frank Williams, plus Tim Dawes on piano and Al Pirrie on bass. 8pm. Free. 01865 351654.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Lowws, Kone. EP launch for local dark guitar pop band. 7pm. £3.95.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Restructure, Daisy, Juniper Nights. Electro-punk & indie. 8pm. £6.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: Tinariwen plus Art Theefe. 7pm. £23.50.

SATURDAY

Brewery Tap, Ock Street, Abingdon: Nightwreckers. Free. 9pm. 01235 521655.

Dorchester Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames: Bond Night with the BBC Elstree Concert Band & The Oxford City Singers. £17/£12 (children under 16 half price). 7.30pm.

St Edburg's Church, Church Lane, Bicester: The Phoenix Singers with Trinity Camerata present Mozart's Requiem. £12. 7.30pm. 07774 615045.

The Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford: Rats Eat Rats, Manu Louis, Death Of The Maiden. £4.50, cheaper advance. 8.20pm. 01865 395327.

The Windrush Club, 106 High Street, Witney: Ali St James, comedienne and singer. Free. 9pm. 01993 702207.

Tiddy Hall, Shipton Road, Ascott-Under-Wychwood: Harry Bird & The Rubber Wellies plus support from The Skeptics. Wychwood Folk Club. £10 in advance, £12 on the door. 8pm. 01993 831427.

Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage: Hills Angels. Free but asked to support the Museum cafe. 11.30am. 01235 771447.

Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford: Prévert, Piano & Poetry. One-man show created and interpreted by French concert pianist, Alexandre Prévert. Free. 7.30pm.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: Rat Boy. Indie hip-hop star on UK tour. 7pm. £13.50. Chasing Daylight, Earinade, Ben Champion, Spinal Dad. Local ska-punk rockers. 7pm. £12.

SUNDAY

All Saints' Church, The Green, Sutton Courtenay: Lyra Ensemble of St Petersburg. £10. 7pm. 07788 715873.

Ferryman Inn, Bablock Hythe, Northmoor: Joe Hollic. 8pm. 01865 880028.

The Maytime Inn, Asthall: David Julien. Free. 3pm. 01993 822068.

The Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford: Chron Goblin, Queasy. Metal/hard rock. 7.30pm.

Oxford Wine Café, 38 South Parade, Summertown: Kim Osmond Quartet. Voice, piano, bass and drums. Jazz. 6.30-9pm. Free.

MONDAY

Dorchester Abbey Festival Tent,

High Street, Dorchester on Thames: Jazz Supper with Cate Cody. £15 (incl fish and chip supper). 7.30pm.

Rose Revived, Newbridge, Witney: Alvin Roy's Reeds Unlimited. Jazz. 7.30pm.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: The Mighty Redox. All original psycho-eclectic rock. 6.30am. Free.

TUESDAY

St Aldate's Tavern, 108 St Aldate's, Oxford: Osprey & Friends. Local rockers. 8pm. Free.

WEDNESDAY

Dorchester Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames: Pre-Supper Concerts. Romantic violin. Music by Brahms, Tchaikovsky performed by Anna Snesar, violin, and Ilya Chetverikov, piano. £10. 6pm.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Andrew Combs. 7.30pm. £13.

Theatre

Burton Taylor Studio, Beaumont Street, Oxford: May 2-6, *TED: Retold*. 7.30pm. £7. . 01865 305305.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Apr 29, Keith Farnan, Jim Smallman, Paul Thorne and Jenny Collier. 7.45pm. £15.95. 01865 810000.

The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Apr 28, *O No!* A psychedelic ride, and a wonky homage to the woman damned for destroying the Beatles. 8pm. £12, £10. Apr 29, *How We Think We Think*. When Tom witnesses the suicide of a stranger he has had a chance encounter with on the London Underground, he makes it his mission to understand why the events unfolded as they did. 2.30pm and 7.30pm. £10, £7. 01865 263990.

Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Until Apr 29, *Hot Mikado*. Oxfordshire Youth Music Theatre. 7.30pm. £11.50-£21. May 3-6, *Little Shop of Horrors*. 7.30pm. £11.50-£19. 01865 305305.

New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: Apr 28-29, *My First Ballet: Cinderella*. Various times. Tickets £13.40-£29.40 plus £4 transaction fee. 0844 871 7615.

The North Wall Arts Centre, South Parade, Summertown: Apr 27, *Luke Wright: The Toll*. Spoken word. 8pm £14 (concession £12, members £10). Apr 30, *The Explorer*. A marionette show by puppeteer, Lori Hopkins. 11am and 2pm. £8 (concession £6). May 3, *Give Me Your Love*. 8pm. £14 (concession £12, members £10). 01865 319450.

Cornerstone, Station Road, Didcot: May 3, *Macbeth: A Tale of Sound & Fury*. Performed by just three actors with a junk yard set full of props. 7.30pm. £12.50. May 6, *Opera Cocktail*. 7.30pm. £19. 01235 515144.

Dorchester Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames: Apr 30, *Showstopper! the Improvised Musical*. .30pm £18/£15/£10 (under 16 half price). May 1, *Idle Women of the Waterways*. A double bill of theatre, poetry and music whisk you back to the days of World War II. See [www.dorchestherfestival.com](#) 6pm. £7.50 (children half price).

Southmoor Village Hall, Draycott Road, Abingdon: Apr 27-29, Kingston Bagpuise Drama Group Evening of Comedy and Drama. A selection of one act plays. 7.30pm. £9/£6.

The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury: Apr 26-29, *The Tempest*. 7.45pm. £12.50. May 2, *Macbeth*. A screening of a filmed version of Creation's Theatre 2014 open air production. 7pm. £6. 01295 279002.

Unicorn Theatre, Thames Street, Abingdon: Until Apr 29, *The Duchess of Malfi*. 7.30pm. £10 (£9 conc). 01865 425687.

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I can see you're finding it hard to say sorry, but it seems that the only way out of the situation you've got yourself into is to eat a little humble pie. Try not to make more of a fall out between you and a close one than is necessary. Playing down any disagreements or arguments is the key to you getting back on track again. Call now to hear how love requires a financial commitment.

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

I can see you've been used in the past, but we also know that you're never going to allow yourself to be treated like that or to feel that way again. Try to keep your eye on your destination and stop looking back to the past for answers you can't possibly find. A new attraction could change the way you view your path in life. Ring now so we can look at your options together.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

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Jul 23-Aug 22

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LIBRA

Sept 23-Oct 22

Mars makes it difficult for you to tell the difference between fact and fiction. You try to be fair to those around you, but they are not making things easy for you. Set your own rules and standards as you are the one who is going to have to live your life and with the choices you make. Ring now to hear why it's worth returning all phone calls from your past.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

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SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

Are you being pushed before you're ready? Only you can answer this question with any real degree of honesty. I know you have not been feeling as strong as you would like, but I also see you have been relying on people who have already let you down several times in the past. A new attraction has the makings of something really special. Ring now to hear why you should go with your gut instincts.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

Think before you speak this week, as it can make all the difference as to whether you succeed in all current dealings. The chance to spend more time with someone you were separated from puts the spring back in your step and hope in your heart. Watch out for lies being told in financial dealings. Ask for all facts in writing. Ring now to hear how travel makes your life a better place to be.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

Be fair to you and you will earn the respect of those around you. Playing games in love cannot be an option at this time. In fact, it's what could be the final nail in the coffin as far as one friendship is concerned. A lighter look at your career sees you finding an easier way to get your job done. Freedom and flexibility are yours for the taking. Ring now so I can explain all.

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PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

Your energy levels return and you no longer feel as if you have to rely on everyone else to get things done. You are focused and ready to take life ahead on. Don't be tempted to go back on something which never worked then and can't work now. You've grown so much and you mustn't allow others to hold you back. Ring now so I can instill self confidence in you.

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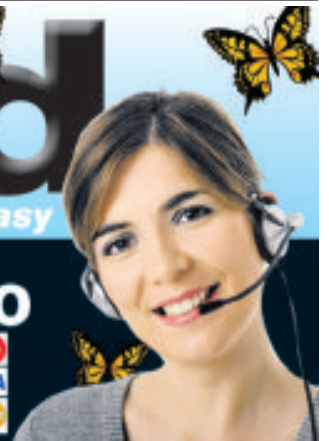
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Robert says: "My new graduate trainee role at CKD Galbraith is a

fantastic opportunity. It will allow me to put my degree into practice and gain invaluable hands-on experience.

"I'm already working with the team conducting surveys, as well as getting involved in a commercial office refurbishment.

"I relish the opportunity to get involved in as many diverse aspects of the job as possible."

Martin Cassels, partner and head of CKD Galbraith's building surveying department, says taking on trainees such as Robert is crucial to the continued success of the business.

"As a firm we place the utmost importance on the recruitment of

the best graduates and subsequent professional development involving a robust training coupled with real hands-on experience in the property field," he says.

"Robert has a proven academic ability as well as great personal and business skills which he will continue to develop within our dynamic surveying team."

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Used Car Road Test

by Jonathan Crouch



City car offers low running costs



A proper Volkswagen – just a smaller one. Launched in 2012, the up! enabled the German brand to regain the initiative in the important city-car sector and immediately set a high standard for contenders in this class. Frugal, fun, clever and competitively priced, it's a key used car option for buyers, not only for those shopping in the market's smallest segment but also for people buying a compact car of any kind.

The History

Volkswagen. The very name means 'Peoples Car' – the kind of compact, inexpensive transport pioneered by the Beetle fifty years ago. Something the Wolfsburg maker hadn't had a lot of success in providing before this up! was launched. This model changed all that, a design that democratised sophisticated small car technology in Europe at the same time as offering a new kind of basic transport for the emerging markets of China, India and South America.

In early concept, it was smarter even than the finished product that finally made the showrooms in 2012, the original 2007 prototype being rear-engined just like the early Beetle, as the German designers sought to find more space from an ever-smaller roadway footprint. But such complexity would have made the finished production version as expensive as 'lifestyle' small cars like the MINI or the Audi A1. Which wasn't the point at all. The Wolfsburg brand was determined that the up! would be a car that

almost anyone could afford. In any case, it could still be clever even if it was conventionally front-engined. If the engine could be smaller, the wheelbase longer and the overhangs shorter, the development team reckoned that the ambitious cabin space goals set by the rear-driven concept could still be achieved.

To that basic formula was added all manner of innovation. Depending on its purpose and the preference of its buyer, an up! can guide you with Google. It can brake itself to avoid an accident. It can even be an all-electric runabout (the battery-powered e-up! introduced in 2014). It can, in short, be all things to all people. A real Peoples Car. The up! was substantially revised in mid-2016; here, we're focusing on the early 2012-2016 versions.

What To Look For

Most up! owners we surveyed were very happy with their cars, but inevitably, there were a few issues. A number of people complained about noisy transmissions. One owner was more specific, citing a transmission / clutch 'snatch' noise on every gear change that for him, ruined an otherwise good driving experience. Another owner complained of a sticking reverse gear; look out for that.

One owner found that water drainage under windscreen when blocked, emptied into the car interior via the heater! Another complained of a leaking windscreen seal, a paint mismatch with the fuel filler cap and rattles from the driver

and passenger door lock area. We also came across reports of the rear brakes squealing during braking.

On The Road

Volkswagen values shrunk into compact form ought to bring a very appealing result. You'd imagine refinement. A comfortable ride. And a solid, well appointed cabin. A combination of virtues never quite delivered by the brand's previous Fox and Lupo citycars – but much in evidence here. Despite, as it happens, the use of an engine hardly suited to Volkswagen virtues. Three cylinder 1.0-litre units like this one are, in our experience, busily revvy at best and downright noisy at worst, as is the case with Ford's EcoBoost unit.

This one, though, is the most refined of its kind. Not refined enough, it must be said, to quite let you forget the cylindrical imbalance under the bonnet. But then the characteristic offbeat rasp isn't unpleasant and rather suits this car's rather offbeat charisma. You'll certainly be hearing plenty of it if rapid progress is needed, for without a turbocharger to boost torque, this one needs to be revved quite a bit, peak power not arriving until 6,000rpm, only 600rpm shy of the red line. And if you're wondering quite how much power we're talking about, the answer is not a great deal in the mainstream 1.0-litre variants we're focusing on here, cars offering a choice of either 60 or 75PS outputs, with an identical 95Nm of torque either way.



Most will be content with the base version, capable as it is of 62mph in 14.4s on the way to 99mph, quite enough to keep up with the traffic. We're not sure we'd see the point of finding a lot more money for the 75PS variant, given that the performance gains are relatively slight (0-62mph in 13.2s on the way to 106mph). The other up! derivative is the pricey all-electric e-up! variant. This version uses an 82PS electric motor that works with an 18.7kWh 374-volt lithium-ion battery pack and can offer a claimed driving range of up to 93 miles between charges. You won't get anything like that though, if you exercise all of the claimed performance, a healthy 210Nm torque figure enabling a rest to 62mph figure of 12.4s, with the car able to keep accelerat-

ing briskly until its rather modest 80mph maximum speed has been reached.

As for life beyond the city limits, well there are better drivers' choices in this class, cars that roll less with more feelsome steering. That said, you can still confidently have fun in this one thanks to predictable handling and plenty of grip.

Overall

Overall then, this is the embodiment of friendly functionality behind a badge you probably thought you couldn't afford. With potential cleverness you almost certainly won't be expecting from something citycar-sized. A thumbs up! then? That's about the size of it.

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